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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 0292

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, PINT, PN

SUBJECT: CTRP CALLS FOR MASS MEETING TO PROTEST LABOR CODE  
AMENDMENTS

REF: PANAMA 0129

1. THE FREE-LABOR CTRP ON JANUARY 5, CALLED A MASS  
MEETING TO TAKE PLACE JANUARY 16 AT 9:00 A.M. IN PLAZA  
PORRAS TO PROTEST RECENT CHANGES IN LABOR CODE (REFTEL).

2. IN A JANUARY 12 MEETING OF CONATOR (GOP-SPONSORED  
NATIONAL LABOR COUNCIL CONSISTING OF HEADS OF MAJOR  
NATIONAL CONFEDERATIONS), A COMMUNIQUE WAS PREPARED  
CALLING FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL CONFEDERATIONS  
IN JANUARY 16 MEETING. SECRETARY GENERAL OF CTRP  
DEAN BUTCHER (PROTEST) SAID THAT CONATO COMMUNIQUE  
WILL CALL FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL LBAOR CONFEDERATIONS  
IN SUNDAY'S MEETING, CRITICIZE THE GOP FOR ITS LACK  
OF CONSULTATION WITH LABOR IN DRAWING UP LABOR CODE  
CHANGES AND CALL UPON GENERAL TORRIJOS TO SUSPEND THE  
LAW MAKING THE CHANGES.

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3. CTRP OFFICIALS HAVE MADE THEIR REQUEST TO THE  
MAYOR'S OFFICE, WHICH APPROVES PUBLIC MEETINGS, BUT  
NO OFFICIAL APPROVAL HAS YET BEEN GRANTED. PLANS  
ARE GOING AHEAD TO HOLD MEETING. FLYERS AND CTRP  
OFFICIALS HAVE EMPHESIZED PEACEFUL NATURE OF THE  
MEETING.

4. CTRP IS MAKING A PUSH FOR GOOD ATTENDANCE AT MEETING. THIS MAY INCLUDE PARTICIPATION OF SOME OF COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CNTP MEMBERSHIP. ANGEL GOMEZ, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CNTP, WALKED OUT OF CONATO MEETING IN OPPOSITION TO SOME PORTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE, BUT OTHER OFFICIALS OF CNTP REMAINED AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING.

5. COMMENT: CALL FOR MEETING IS EFFORT ON PART OF LABOR LEADERS TO DEMONSTRATE OPPOSITION TO LABOR CODE CHANGES WITHOUT PROVOKING CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT OVER ISSUE. MEETING UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE ENOUGH PRESSURE TO MAKE TORRIJOS RESCIND LABOR CODE CHANGES, BUT IT COULD SPARK A MORE MILITANT ACTION ON PART OF ORGANIZED LABOR.  
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